

the letter that ought never to have

...written, printed in a newspaper, makes more talk than millions of letters that crowd the post offices and weigh down the mail-carriers with expressions of honest love. Tolstoi, the great Russian author, is wrong when he prints a book for the depreciation of marriage. If your observation has put you in an attitude of deprecation for the marriage state, one or two things are true in regard to you; you have

ever been unfortunate in your acquaintanceship, or you yourself are morally rotten. The world, not so rapid as we would like it, must still with long strides, is on the way to the scenes of beatitude and felicity the Bible predicts. The man who can not see this is wrong, either in his heart, or liver, or spleen. Look at the great Bible picture gallery, where Isaiah has set up the pictures of affluence, girding the world with cedar, and fir and pine, and boxwood

and the lin lin led by a child; and St. John's pictures of water and trees, and white horse cavalry, and tears wiped away, and trumpets blown, and harps struck, and nations redeemed. While there are 10,000 things I do not like, I have not seen any discouragement for the cause of God for twenty-five years. The kingdom is coming. The earth is preparing to put on bridal array. We need to be getting our anthems and grand marches ready. In our hemiology we shall have

the lion led by a child; and St. John's pictures of water and trees, and white horse cavalry, and towers with battlements, and trumpets blown, and all the things that are in the Apocalypse. While there are 10,000 things I do not like, I cannot see any discouragement for the cause of God for twenty-five years. The kingdom is coming. The earth is preparing to put on bridal array. We need to be getting ready. We need to be getting ready. In our hymnology we shall have more use for Antioch than for Windham; for Ariel than for Naomel. Let us hark from the Tombs a doleful cry," he is submerged with "Joy to the World, the Lord is come," and finally he is submerged with "The Lord is come, the Lord is come," he is determined to be sad, and getting worse, as the pessimists represent. I would think it was hardly worth saving. If after hundreds of years of Gospelization, no improvement has been made, let us give up and go to the bottom. We ought to

that if we had enough faith in quick results and could go forth rightly equipped with the Gospel call, the battle for God and righteousness would end with this nineteenth century, and the twentieth century, only five or six years off, would begin the millennium, and Christ would reign, either on some throne set up between the Alleghenies and the Rockies, or in the Institutions of mercy and love, that are to be the means and

discourage it up by disappointed people. Discourage work will meet with defeat. Expectant and buoyant work will gain the victory. Start out with the idea that all men are liars and cowards, and that everybody is as bad as he can be, and that society, and the church, and the world, are on the way to demotion, and the only way you will ever be to the world will be to increase the value of lot in a cemetery. We need a more cheerful front in all our religious work. People have

...from trouble already, and to not want to ship another cargo of trouble in the future of religiosity. If religion has been seen to you a peace, a defense, an inspiration and a joy, say so. Say it by word of mouth; by pen in your right hand; by face illumined with a divine satisfaction. If this world is ever to be taken for God, it will not be by sermons, but by hallelujahs. If we could present the Christian religion as it really is, in its true attractiveness, all the people would accept it, and ac-

"Give it right away. The ediles, the nation-  
 als would cry out: 'Give us that! Give it to us in all its holy magnetism and  
 gracious power! Put that salve on  
 our wounds! Throw back the shutters  
 for that morning light! Knock off  
 these chains with that silver hammer!"

As a system of didactics, religion has  
 never gained one inch in progress. As  
 a technicality, it belongs more than it  
 irradiates. As a dogmatism, it is a  
 painful failure. But as a fact, as a rein-  
 forcement, as a transfiguration, it is

the mightiest thing that ever descended from the heavens or touched the earth. Exemplify it in the life of a good man or a good woman, and no one can help but like it. A city missionary visited a house in London and found a sick and dying boy. There was an orange lying on his bed, and the missionary said: "Where did you get that orange?" He said: "A man brought it to me. He comes here often, and reads the Bible to me, and talks with me, and brings me nice

things to eat." "What is his name?" said the city missionary. "I forget his name," said the sick boy, "but he makes great speeches over in that great building," pointing to the Parliament house of London. The missionary asked, "Was his name Mr. Gladstone?" "Oh, yes," said the boy, "that's his name; Mr. Gladstone." Do you tell me a man can see religion like that and not like it? There is an old-fashioned mother in a farm house somewhere, she is somewhere in the seven-

ties, perhaps 75 or 76. It is the early evening hour. Through spectacle No. 1 she is reading a newspaper until toward bed time, when she takes a well-worn Book, called the Bible. I know from the illumination in her face she is reading one of the thanksgiving Psalms, or in Revelation the story of twelve pearly gates. After awhile she closes the book and folds her hands, and thinks over the past, and seems whispering

the name of her children, some of them on earth and some of them in heaven. Now a smile is on her face and now a tear, and sometimes the smile catches the tear. The scenes of a long life come back to her. One minute she sees all the children smiling around her, with all their toys and sports, and strange questions. Then she remembers several of them down sick with infantile disorders. Then she sees a short grave but over it cut in marble: "Suffer them to come to Me."

Then there is the wedding hour, and the neighbors in, and the promise of "will," and the departure from the old homestead. Then a scene of hardships, and want bread, and struggle. Then she thinks of a few years with gush of sunshine, and fountains of dark shadows, and vicious tides. Then she kneels down slowly for many years have stiffened her joints, and the illnesses of a lifetime have made her less supple. Her prayer is a mixture of thank-

for sustaining grace during these years; and thanks for children good, and Christian, and kind, and a prayer for the wandering to whom she hopes to see come home before her departure. And then her trembling lips speak of the land of reunion where she expects to meet her loved ones already transited; and after telling the Lord, in very simple language how much she loves Him and hopes to see him soon, I hear her pronounce the quiet "amen," and

rises up—a little more difficult effort than kneeling down. And then she puts her head on the pillow for the night, and the angels of safety and peace stand sentinel about that corner in the farmhouse; and her face even anon shows signs of creases about the Heaven she read of before retiring. In the morning the day's work has begun down stairs, and, seated at the table the remark is made: "Mother must have over slept herself." And the young children also realize that grand

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and in the witness stand. The man, who is a well-known contributor to various churches and schools that have a business man from failing by putting his name on the back of a check, said he was sure that Heaven knows about him. He said he was in the hospital in his last days, and the man with consumption in the hospital, to whom he was referred, was a man who had been in the hospital for a long time. He said he was in the hospital for a long time. He said he was in the hospital for a long time.

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Will Barton, a real estate dealer at Georgia, Kan., one of the wealthiest and best-known men in the state, while handling a revolver discharged one of the chambers, killing himself instantly.

A special to the New York World from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "Proclamations issued by Rojas-Paul are circulating here calling upon the people to overthrow Céspedes and establish

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